

U.S. Branch Mint: New Orleans Feb. 28th 1839

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 12th ultimo enclosing a check drawn to your order on the Girard Bank for three hundred dollars for the payment of some bills, and not having heard from you respecting the check, I now send you the duplicate which you will oblige me by paying out in the following manner — To Mr Eckfeldt the amount of a due bill which he holds, one hundred and fifty dollars, with interest and my sincere thanks for his kindness — One hundred and twenty five dollars with interest to Mrs E. Cooper for a due bill of that amount held by her, and the balance to Mr M W Baldwin for some little expenses which he has had the kindness to incur on my account

I likewise wrote to you informally on the 26th ultimo a statement of proceeding, &c. in the management of this establishment and not having received any reply I conclude that, that letter also failed to reach you

As only 4 pairs of dies viz. 2 pairs of Dimes and 2 pairs of $\frac{1}{2}$ Dime were sent last, permit me to request you forward more of the same as early as practicable — There is a great demand for these denominations of coin and we are averaging more than 25,000 pieces per day and soon will be able to go over 30,000 — You will perceive therefore that to save us from the risk of being delayed as well as to enable me to economize time and labour by keeping several pairs always ready for immediate use we ought to be well supplied with these ~~dies~~ dies — I mentioned in both of my former letters that the half dollar dies sent us last year are ~~too short~~ unsuitable for present use for besides being out of date the bottom ones are too short to reach the screws and consequently cannot be secured in the seats

I have however spiced one of them in order to try the Press and succeeded in making ten excellent impressions, the very first one struck, being as perfect as the dies, and entirely satisfactory, but the piece upon the bottom of the die became loose and I was unable to strike any more without further ~~fixing~~ fixing - We are in daily expectation of hearing from you that more of the $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar dies are on their way -

Mr Spofford is still here waiting to hear from you and I assume you it would be very gratifying to me to see him, reinstated, and I doubt not, the Treasurer of the Mint would be equally pleased, if he could be so far disenthralled as to dare to entertain an opinion.

I have a large stock of half dollar planchets waiting for dies and the press ready for trial, and I beg leave again to urge the importance to me and to Institution, to have a generous supply of dies - I mentioned in one of my former letters that with some of the Quarter Eagle dies I could work off the small stock of Gold Bullions (which has been some of it a long time on hand) in the small press before the middle press can be got ready for use.

Little Pattison began to walk ^{alone} a step or two when he was nine months old and now he can achieve a dozen steps at a heat so that by the time he is ten months old we expect to see him walking all about by himself.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

James Tyler

Dr. R. M. Pattison

Director of the U. States Mint

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P. S. We have nobody here to weigh until 9 o'clock in the morning.

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans Feb. 23th 1839

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 12th ultimo enclosing a check drawn to your order on the Girard Bank for three hundred dollars for the payment of some bills, and not having heard from you respecting the check, I now send you the duplicate which you will oblige me by paying out in the following manner. — To Mr Eckfeldt the amount of a due bill which he holds, one hundred and fifty dollars, with interest and my sincere thanks for his kindness — One hundred and twenty five dollars with interest to Mrs E. Cooper for a due bill of that amount held by her, and the balance to Mr Chas Baldwin for some little expenses which he has had the kindness to incur on my account

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... never known to open one of them - on one or two occasions and succeeded in making ten excellent impressions; the very first one struck, being as perfect as the dies, and entirely satisfactory, but the piece upon the bottom of the die became loose and I was unable to strike any more without further ~~fixing~~ fixing - We are in daily expectation of hearing from you that more of the $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar dies are on their way -

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Little Pettusson began to walk ^{alone} a step or two when he was nine months old and now he can achieve a dozen steps at a heat so that by the time he is ten months old we expect to see him walking all about by himself.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Reuben Tyer

Dr. W. M. Pettusson

Director of the U. States Mint

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N.B. We have nobody here to weigh until 9 o'clock in the morning.
(Confidential)